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Please amend the present application as follows:

In the Specification

The following is a marked-up version of the specification with the language that is underlined ("___") being added and the language that contains strikethrough ("—") being deleted:

For the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 1:

The present invention provides a system and method for preventing the unauthorized use of property, such as, but not limited to, an electronic device, a personal computer (personal computer), a digital camera, a lap top computer, or a personal digital assistant (PDA). The present invention uses a security file residing in a memory module of a digital camera. A The security key acts as a password that enables use of the camera. One embodiment of the present invention executes a program for comparing a card key with the security file. Among other devices, the card key may be stored in a memory module unit and/or a personal computer. If the card key is not provided to the property, the system for preventing the unauthorized use of the property disables the property.

For the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 16:

FIG. 1 further illustrates a personal computer 120 that is typically employed with digital cameras such that digital images captured by the digital camera 100 may be retrieved, processed, printed and/or e-mailed. Personal computer 120 includes at least a processor 122 and a memory element 124. Memory element 124 ~~130~~ further includes at least an image data region 126 and a backup card key 128. Retrieved image data from digital camera 100 is stored in the image data region 126. Backup card key 128 is stored data configured to function as a password, security code, personal identification code

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(PIN), or other suitable identifier that corresponds to a string of alpha-numeric characters or another suitable code, such as binary, hexadecimal or similar coding systems.

For the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 26:

In one embodiment, digital camera 100 transfers captured images to personal computer 120, via connection 130. Connection 130 may be any suitable connector, such as, but not limited to, a universal serial bus (USB), serial, parallel connection, or the like. Alternatively, a wireless transfer medium can be employed, such as, but not limited to, radio frequency and infrared. In one embodiment employing a hardwire connection, connection 130 is coupled to the plug-in attachment 132, or another suitable coupler. Plug-in attachment 132 is configured to mate with plug-in interface unit 112. The user of personal computer 120 and digital camera 100 simply mates plug-in attachment 132 into plug-in interface unit 112 ~~120~~, thereby establishing connectivity between digital camera 100 and personal computer 120. The user instructs the exemplary embodiment of personal computer 120, and/or digital camera 100, to execute logic causing digital images to be transferred from digital camera 100 through wire connector interface 134, connection 136, processor 122, connection 138, and then into the image data region 126 of memory element 124 ~~130~~.

For the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 15:

Digital image data is transferred to personal computer 120 by removing memory module unit 140 from digital camera 100 and coupling memory module unit 140 to memory module interface 144, as illustrated by the path of insertion represented by dashed line 146. Typically, a convenient coupling port or interface (not shown) is provided on the surface of personal computer 120 such that memory module unit 140 is

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directly coupled to personal computer 120. Once memory module unit 140 is coupled to personal computer 120, digital image data is transferred through memory module interface 144, connection 148, processor 122, connection 138, and then into the image data region 126 of memory element 124 ~~130~~.

For the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 24:

For convenience, digital camera 100 is illustrated as employing both a plug-in interface unit 112 ~~120~~ configured to couple to a physical connector and a memory unit interface 110 configured to receive memory module unit 140. Other embodiments of digital camera 100 employ either plug-in interface unit 112 ~~120~~ or a memory unit interface 110 to facilitate the transfer of captured images to personal computer 120.

For the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 3:

FIG. 2 is a block diagram of an embodiment of digital camera 100. Cut-away lines 202 demark components residing on the outside surfaces of the digital camera 100 and components residing internally in the digital camera 100. Thus, the control button 118, lens unit 102, image capture actuation button 104, power switch 108, memory unit interface 110, plug-in interface 112 ~~120~~ and display 116 are recognized as components residing on the surfaces of the digital camera 100.